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FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 7. FOLLOWING IS AN
UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS COMMENTS ON CAMBODIA.

IN REGARD TO CAMBODIA, THAILAND WILL WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE DESIRE OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT
AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE FOR THE FIGHTING IN THEIR
COUNTRY TO BE ENDED AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE. THIS
SUPPORT IS FOR THE FIGHTING TO BE ENDED THROUGH
NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENT BEING REACHED AMONG THE
CAMBODIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES WITH NO INTERFERENCE FROM
OUTSIDE IN ANY FORM WHATSOEVER, THAILAND WISHES TO SEE
CAMBODIA ENJOYING PEACE AND STABILITY THAT ARE LASTING,
THUS ENABLING IT TO REMEDY ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS ITSELF,
AND WHAT IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IS FOR IT TO BE ABLE
TO SAFEGUARD TRUE NEUTRALITY, FREE OF INTERFERENCE FROM
OUTSIDE. FURTHERMORE, WE PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
THAI PEOPLE AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE IN EVERY WAY
IN JOINT INTERESTS AND BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY
AND GOOD FRIENDSHIP. AS YOU KNOW ALREADY, THAILAND
RECOGNIZES THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WE CONSIDER IS THE LEGAL
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GOVERNMENT, AND WE DESIRE TO SEE THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ABLE

TO HOLD TALKS AND FIND A WAY TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH THEY WILL BE UNITED AND COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER, IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN LAOS. THIS, HOWEVER, CONCERNS CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WE ARE A NATION OUTSIDE; THEREFORE WE CAN GIVE MORAL SUPPORT ONLY". WE FEEL CONCERN OVER THAT COUNTRY BECAUSE A REPORT RECEIVED TODAY SAYS THAT THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA GIVES CAUSE FOR GRAVE CONCERN. THIS IS BECAUSE THE CAMBODIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION WAS KILLED, BECAUSE OF PROCESSIONS STAGED AND LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS, AND THAT AS MANY AS FOUR CAMBODIAN CABINET MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED... WE DON'T KNOW YET HOW THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REMEDY THE PROBLEMS IT IS FACED WITH, BUT WE CAN ONLY KEEP CLOSE WATCH AND FOLLOW UP THE NEWS.
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